

# Cal OES Daily Situation Report

## December 31, 2014



Motorists stranded snowy highway 138 in San Bernardino County on 12/30/14.

Photo Credit: San Bernardino County Fire



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## National Terrorism Advisory System

### Current Alerts



Note: [Report changes/updates are in blue](#)

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Hwy 138 Incident, San Bernardino County**

San Bernardino County Fire OES reported that approximately 79 vehicles with 136 occupants were stranded due to heavy snow and ice on Hwy 138.

- San Bernardino County EOC activated to Level 1 at 2200 hours and deactivated at 0400 hours this morning.
- San Bernardino County Fire Sno-Cats rescued stranded motorists and transported them to an Evacuation Staging Area.
- Fifty (50) stranded motorists were rescued and taken to the Crestline Baptist Church.
- A secondary rescue incident was completed in the Mt. Baldy area with forty (40) persons sheltering at the Mt. Baldy Lodge.
- County Fire crews completed rescue operations on SR 138 and continue to coordinate with CalTrans and CHP for road clearing operations.
- American Red Cross supported shelter operations with cots, blankets and mass care supplies at the Crestline Senior Center, San Moritz Lodge, 24640 San Moritz Dr., Crestline. The shelter is now closed.
- Vehicles were left in place on SR 138 and have since been recovered.
- No injuries were reported and there were no requests for state assistance.

## **3.9 Earthquake, San Pedro Channel, Los Angeles County**

At 1526 hours on 12/30/14, a verified 3.9 earthquake occurred in the San Pedro Channel, Los Angeles County. A Tsunami Information Statement was received and County OAs were briefed. There was no tsunami danger for California. No damages or injuries were reported.

## **New Year's Eve, San Francisco**

San Francisco DEM's EOC will be activated at Level B (partial with first responder elements) on 12/31/14, for the 2015 New Year's Eve Celebration. The EOC activation starts at 2100 hours and is estimated to conclude 01/01/15 at 0400 hours.

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Regional Cold Weather Activities

### **Cal OES Inland Region**

The Cal OES Law Duty Officer confirms that there have been two deaths in Butte County as a result of falling trees in the wind event.

- OA Activations
  - Butte County: Is at Level 1 EOC activation, providing public information and if needed, evacuation center support.
- Evacuation Centers
  - Butte County
    - The Red Cross coordinated an evacuation center at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunnelly Rd., Paradise.
- Evacuation Shelters
  - Butte County
    - At 1800 hours on 12/30/14, a shelter opened at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, Butte County.
- Warming Centers
  - Several centers have been opened as needed.
- Utilities
  - PG&E reports that approximately 49 customers are without service.
- Road Closures
  - Several road closures have been reported due to downed trees and power lines.
- Recovery
  - IDE teams will deploy today, with reports of 27 damaged homes/structures.

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## Regional Cold Weather Activities

### **Cal OES Coastal Region**

The Coastal Region staff surveyed their counties regarding any cold weather planning activities, activations, and opening warming centers or shelters.

- OA Activations
  - None reported.
- Shelters
  - Napa County
    - The Hope Center: The Hope Center provides basic services to homeless individuals. It also serves as an entrance point for all three homeless shelters.
    - Samaritan Family Shelter: The Samaritan Family Center provides temporary shelter for families with children. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
    - South Napa Shelter: The South Napa Shelter is a clean and sober shelter for individuals 18 years and older. Persons needing help must register at the Hope Center.
    - Winter Shelter: The Winter Shelter is open from mid-November through mid-April. Individuals seeking shelter must register at the Hope Center.
  - San Mateo
    - The San Mateo County Human Services Agency activated their emergency shelter beds and voucher program yesterday.
  - Santa Cruz
    - The City of Santa Cruz has the Armory open to shelter citizens from the cold.
  - San Benito
    - The City of Hollister maintains a homeless shelter at, 3239 Southside Rd. This shelter remains open from November through March. Citizens may also contact 2-1-1 within all counties to request assistance.
  - Sonoma
    - The OA has extended their “Code Blue” Cold Weather Response advisory through Saturday, 01/03/15. The advisory requests that all homeless service agencies expand beds and open warming facilities, consistent with the Homeless Winter Weather Response Plan. The latest information on shelters and donations needs can be obtained through 2-1-1 and the Catholic Charities’ Cold Weather Hotline at (707)800-2927.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Regional Cold Weather Activities

### Cal OES Coastal Region

- Shelters
  - Humboldt
    - Redwood Coast Community Action Agency, 24-hour Youth Services for Runaways/Homeless children, Eureka.
    - Women and Children Shelter, Winter-night house, open seven Days a week, Eureka.
    - Eureka Rescue Mission for Men only (55 men), open seven days a week starting at 1730 hours, Eureka.
    - If they run out of room at the Eureka Rescue Mission, they will open St. Vincent De Paul's Center, Eureka.
    - Arcata House Partnership Annex, a night shelter, will have screenings in the mornings with check in at 1530 hours. The Arcata Night Shelter is a 20 bed emergency shelter facility for single adults. There are separate dorms designated for women and for men. The shelter is in operation 365 days a year. Their DHHS stated that citizens/including homeless individuals may call 2-1-1 for services.
    - There is a Winter Shelter Program available on a first come, first service that opens daily at 0900 hours to accept families and elderly.
  - Mendocino
    - Ukiah Valley Conference Center, open from 0800 – 1700 hours, Ukiah.
    - There is also a Shelter in Fort Bragg.
  - Solano
    - There are various shelter options available in Solano County. Information can be accessed at: <http://www.shelterlistings.org/county/ca-solano-county.html>
- Warming Centers
  - Contra Costa County: Trinity Center activated an emergency response.
  - San Mateo County: Intends to open warming centers.
  - Santa Clara County: Through Sunday, the Boccardo Reception Center will remain open 24 hours for homeless seeking relief from the cold. Santa Clara County's largest cold weather shelter in Gilroy is also extending its hours, allowing homeless to stay from 1800 until 0800 hours.
  - Monterey
    - The City of Salinas has established a Warming Center at Lincoln St. OES at the county level is not involved in this process. If people living outside need shelter from the cold, they call 9-1-1 dispatch, who then contacts County Social Services (CSS) to assist. CSS will then provide a voucher to homeless people (if count is low) who need shelter from the cold. For higher counts, the homeless are sent to the Victory Mission. Essentially, no person is left out in the cold.



# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Regional Cold Weather Activities**

### **Cal OES Coastal Region**

- Utilities
  - At approximately 0100 hours, a partial power outage occurred at Treasure Island. Utility crews anticipated restoring power by 0800 hours.
  - Telegraph Hill and the Russian Hill areas are currently experiencing a large power outage due to weather this morning. It is estimated power will be restored by 0900 hours today.

### **Cal OES Southern Region**

- OA Activations
  - No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.
- Evacuations
  - Riverside County
    - San Jacinto / Hemet Valley: Mandatory evacuations, effective at 0900 hours on 12/30/14 have been ordered for residents at the ten unit Valley View Apartment complex at 20520 Highway 79 due to the threatening storm on 12/30-12/31 2014. The owner of the property was able to accommodate the renters. There were no requests for state assistance.
- Warming Centers
  - Santa Barbara County: Intends to open warming centers.

### **PGE**

- PG&E has activated their EOC and will remain activated overnight and through at least 12/31/14.
- As of 0647 hours on 12/31/14, approximately 19,136 power outages were reported across the state.

### **SMUD**

- As of 1815 hours, SMUD is reporting 192 outages.

### **LADWP**

- As of 0700 hours, LADWP is reporting 755 outages and they are under normal operations.

# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Weather of Concern

- Cold temperatures are expected through New Year's Day, with dangerous wind chills in the high Sierra today. Highs will remain near or below freezing through Thursday, with low temperatures mainly in the single digits to around 10 degrees in urban areas.
- Sub-freezing temperatures will be possible across portions of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties as well as the Ojai Valley tonight.
- As the atmosphere dries out and winds diminish on New Year's Eve, even colder temperatures are expected statewide.
- **Winter Storm Warning:** Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.
- **High Wind Warning:** Tuolumne, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and Los Angeles Counties.
- **Freeze Watch:** Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Yuba, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.
- **Freeze Warning:** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, and Ventura Counties.
- **Hard Freeze Watch:** San Bernardino County.
- **Hard Freeze Warning:** Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, and Tulare Counties.
- **Expanded real time watch and warning information, organized by county, is accessible through the below link.**
- **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa_bc_cal.php)



# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS

#### **Eureka Weather**

A cold and dry low pressure system over Northern California will shift southward as high pressure builds to the north. This pattern will result in frigid temperatures tonight with gusty winds in the higher elevations. Dry weather will continue with a gradual warming trend through early next week as high pressure shifts over the Pacific Northwest.

#### **Medford Weather**

The long wave ridge over the Eastern Pacific will drift very slowly east and strengthen through today then weaken slowly into Friday. It will strengthen again Friday through the weekend. This will support a dry pattern for the rest of this week.

#### **Reno Weather**

Gusty winds are expected this morning for rough conditions on Lake Tahoe along with dangerous wind chills, mainly at higher elevations. Winds will taper off tonight and on New Year's Day although temperatures will remain well below average. Valley inversions will strengthen with diminishing air quality going into the weekend.

#### **San Francisco Weather**

Gusty north to northeast winds will continue through mid-morning before diminishing today. The cold air mass in place and clear skies will result in the coldest temperatures of the season tonight. Temperatures gradually warm late in the week into the weekend.

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

#### **Sacramento Weather**

Windy and cold conditions will present this morning. Downed trees and power lines and blowing debris will be possible most areas through mid-day. Lighter winds with cold temperatures are expected Thursday and Friday mornings. No precipitation expected through the next seven days.

#### **Hanford Weather**

An arctic air mass will continue to settle over the Central California interior today. Brisk northeast winds can be expected over much of the higher terrain into Wednesday morning. Below freezing minimum temperatures are likely even in the lowest elevations by Wednesday night with dry and unseasonably cold weather continuing through the end of this week. Temperatures will recover to near normal this weekend as high pressure builds.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

#### **Los Angeles Weather**

A cold low system will continue to bring scattered light rain, low elevation mountain snow, chilly temperatures and gusty northeast winds overnight. Cold temperatures and gusty winds may continue Wednesday night into Thursday morning. Daytime temperatures will return to around normal by the weekend.

#### **Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties**

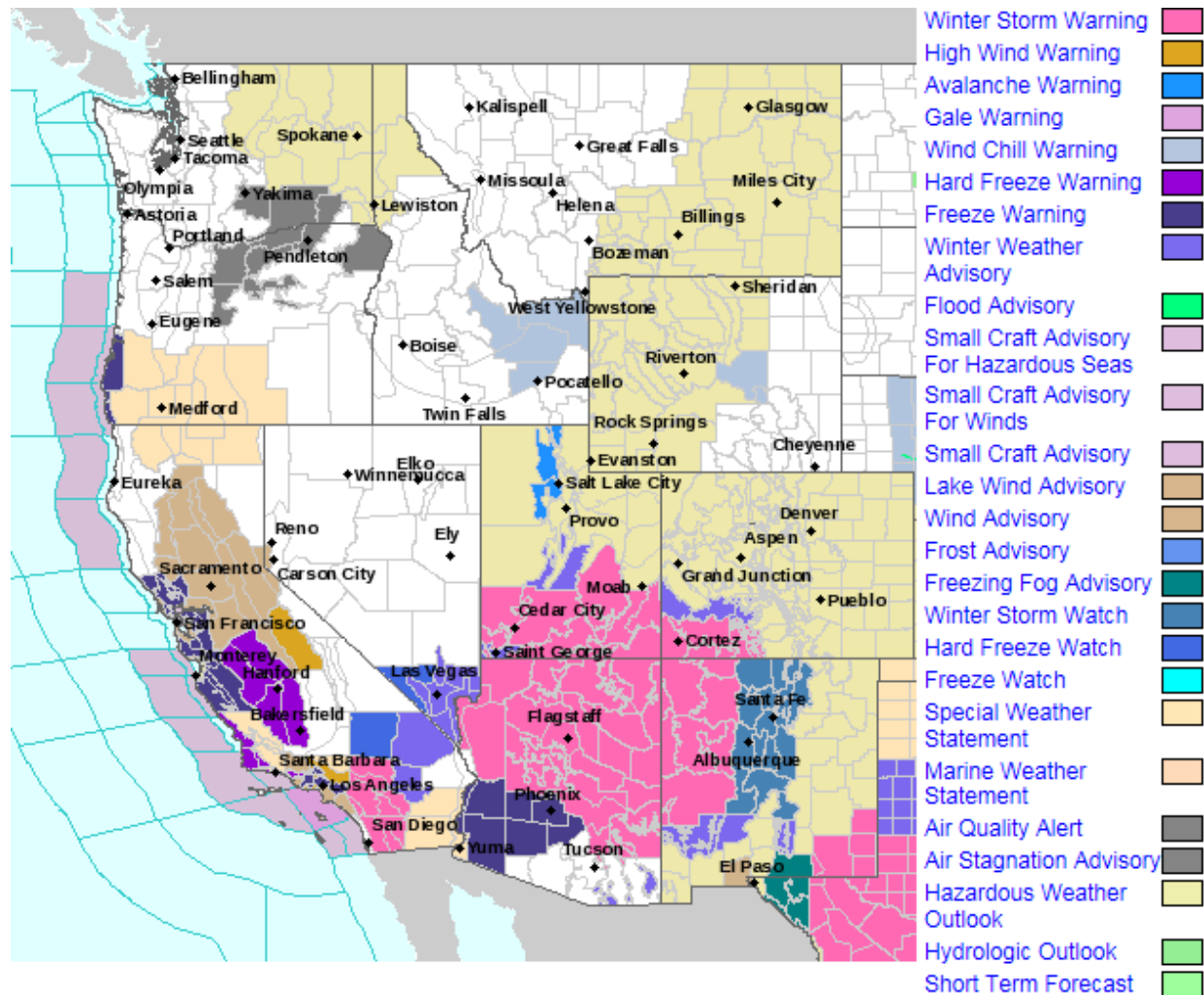
A cold winter storm system will continue to bring rain, snow, and wind through mid-morning. Northeast winds will be strongest in Orange County and the Inland Empire today with isolated gusts over 55 mph. Precipitation will end in most areas by late morning, but cold conditions will continue through Friday with frost or freezing conditions over many of the valley and desert areas Wednesday and Thursday nights. A high pressure ridge will bring much fair and warmer weather over the weekend with temperatures above normal early next week.

#### **Southeast California Weather**

A strong area of low pressure over southern California will track east today into New Year's Day. Snow level will be as low as 2000 feet. Conditions should dry out by Thursday evening; however, very cold temperatures will last into the weekend.



# STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Dec, 31st 2014 at 10:43:14 am MST



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

## **Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County**

### **Recovery Activities**

#### **Public Assistance**

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

#### **Individual Assistance**

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf>. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at <https://weed.recovers.org/>.

# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

## **Recovery Activities**

### Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed [of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January](#) leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, [48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.](#)

### Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- [The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.](#)
- Assistance Centers – [The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center \(DLOC\) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center \(LAC\) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday \(closed 01/01/15\).](#)

# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## 2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

### **Recovery Activities**

#### Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:
  - Marin County 01/06/15
  - Lake County 01/06/15

#### Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.



# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- [Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.](#)





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